

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Taylor Wesley Jones for his extraordinary academic exploits.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves both inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Wesley Jones is one such exceptional student whose list of accomplishments is long and varied, even at such a young age; and

WHEREAS, this young man, the son of Bob and Kim Jones and the grandson of Gordon and Joy Jones, has established an incredible record of public service and scholastic endeavors, and his unwavering dedication and determination in all his pursuits have garnered him no small amount of success; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's academic triumphs include a four-year record as the county social studies fair winner; twice placing first in the county's science fair; placing first in his division and third overall at the 2004 Tate's School of Discovery Science Fair and the 2005 Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair and gaining the Grand Champion honors in the Junior Division and garnering the University of Tennessee's Presidential Award at the 2006 Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair; twice gaining selection into the Duke Talent Search Program; ranking as a national finalist in the 2005 and 2006 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge; standing as the 2006 special award winner at the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge; earning recognition from the Discovery Channel in 2005; being named as one of the top forty young scientists in the United States in 2005 and 2006; winning academic awards in 2005 in the subjects of English and science and in 2006 in the subjects of science and history; nomination in 2005 and 2006 for the National Young Leadership

Award; membership in the National Honor Society; and a two-year membership on the Academic Bowl team; and

WHEREAS, his exploits outside the realm of academia are equally impressive, including garnering the NASA Space Camp Award, attending the 2006 Kiwanis Leadership Camp, serving as a valued member of Jayteens, a history of community service projects, and successfully filing a permanent patent with the United States Patent Office; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's dedication to excellence also spills over into his love of sports; he plays basketball and flag football and runs both track and cross-country, endeavors he pursues with the same joy he gives to his scientific accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is a devout and thoughtful member of Sevier Heights Baptist Church, where he is a member of the eighth grade Sunday School class and a member of the church league flag football team; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Jones's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we formally recognize Taylor Wesley Jones, commending him on his many academic and scientific accomplishments and offering our best wishes for his every continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.